



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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INTRODUCTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 10, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: